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HIT NEGLIGENCE OF CONDITIONS IN POLYGRAPHIC,
COMPUTING MACHINE OFFICES

MACHINES STAND IDLE IN PRINTING OFFICES -- Moscow Pravda, 20 Jul 50

During the last 3 years, a great quantity of polygraphic equipment has come into Altay Kray for city and rayon newspapers. However, it is apparent from an article in Altayskaya Pravda that this equipment is not being properly utilized. Newspapers are poorly composed, and come out late. The Administration for Polygraphy, Publishing Houses, and the Book Trade attached to the Executive Committee of the Kray Soviet of Workers' Deputies gives no help to the rayon printing offices.

Two years ago a new printing machine was delivered to the printing office of the Mikhaylovskiy Rayon newspaper Pod Znamenem Lenina. It could not be installed on the spot, and the Administration did not send a specialist. To this day it has not been set up.

For 2 years an RP printing machine has been standing idle in Kalmanka. Last year two linotype machines were brought to Kamen'. These costly machines have still not been assembled.

Equipment which came to the Administration in Barnaul has been lying in the open for years. It is rusting and becoming useless.

Machines already in operation in the printing offices are not being utilized efficiently. A new printing machine with an electric motor arrived at the Zmeino-gorsk Printing Office, but since the office has no electric power supply, the motor was thrown away. A hole was drilled in the flywheel, and a crank attached. Now two men are operating the machine manually.

Newsprint comes to the office in huge rolls from 5 to 7 kilometers long. Several days are spent unwinding the roll and cutting the paper strip into sheets of the proper size. Then the sheets come out uneven, with ragged edges. However, in most printing offices, the roll is simply ripped open, and from 20 to 30 percent of the paper, and sometimes even more, is rejected.

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There are no polygraphic engineers, no mechanics, or other specialists in the kray Administration for Polygraphy. It is time for Glavpoligrafizdat (Main Administration of Polygraphic Publishing) to pay some attention to this important region.

WORKERS COMPLAIN OF OFFICE CONDITIONS -- Moskovskiy Komsomlets, 23 Jul 50

Letter to the editor -- Computing-Analyzing Station No 3 of Gornashuchet (City Machine Accounting Office) is housed in a basement room without windows. This causes constant eye strain. Because of the motors, the air in the room is always hot, and the fan does not provide sufficient fresh air. Besides, the noise of the fan distracts the control workers in the adjoining room.

The room is dirty and dusty, and the furniture is not adequate. Yet we must work with great quantities of figures covering the entire city economy of the capital. Our administration appears to be concerned about a new room, but nothing has been accomplished. -- G. Surkhaykhanov, P. Shpigel', A. Lebedev, and others

Editor's Reply: As indicated by voluminous correspondence between the Ministry of Municipal Economy RSFSR, Gornashuchet, and the corresponding departments of the Moscow Soviet, search for a new room for the computing-analyzing station has gone on for 3 years. The Department of Nonresidential Housing (Mosnezhilotdel) of the Moscow Soviet takes a strange attitude on the question. Each time that Gornashuchet finds a more suitable room for the station, Mosnezhilotdel "realizes" /appropriates/ it for other purposes. Such was the case with the former Vinogradovskiy Baths building, even though the Ministry of Municipal Economy had already spent 95,000 rubles for repairing it.

Mosnezhilotdel is acting contrary to government decrees on the wide extension of mechanized accounting in the national economy.

INCREASES OUTPUT OF TABULATORS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, 29 May 50

The Moscow Computing-Analyzing Machine Plant has completely reorganized its shops for the purpose of saving space and increasing output. It has introduced the processes of pressure casting and high-speed machining. It has extended use of conveyor methods and has begun to make machine parts from plastic.

More than 200 units of equipment and 2,130 square meters of space have been freed as a result of the reorganization. Output per square meter and per unit of equipment has greatly increased.

New machines have been made for winding coils, and a number of parts, previously machine-processed, have been changed to cold stamping. At present, the plant is steadily increasing output of tabulating machines. Its aim for 1950 is to increase production from less space and less equipment.

INTRODUCES STATISTICAL CONTROL -- Vechernyaya Moskva, 27 Jun 50

The production of machine bodies by pressure casting is a process of great importance to the Moscow Computing-Analyzing Machine Plant. A number of technicians, including the chief of the stamping shop, have determined to speed up this type of production.

Statistical control methods are being introduced at the plant to increase quality of output and prevent defects in the mass production of parts. A group of engineering-technical workers have promised to introduce statistical control in the automatic turret lathe and the press shops.

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REOPENS REPAIR SHOP -- Kinishev Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 2 Apr 50

The Dinamo Shop has reopened at 47 Ulitsa Komsomol'skaya (ugol Lenin) for repairing typewriters and calculating machines. The Dinamo photography, jewelry, and watch shop is also in operation again. Contracts are being concluded for continuous servicing. For information, telephone 15-40. -- Advertisement

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